

Misinformation and Disinformation



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What is misinformation and disinformation?

Misinformation

Getting the facts wrong

Disinformation

Intentionally misstating the facts with malicious motives

The key difference between misinformation and disinformation lies in the intention behind the spread of information



Characteristics of misinformation and disinformation



Obviously tampered images or videos



Headlines that are exaggerated or inconsistent with the content



No author, date and source noted



Suspicious URLs



Typos or obtrusive layout

Tips to combat misinformation and disinformation



Make good use of fact-checking websites and tools



Only share information that has been verified to be true



Go beyond the headlines



Check and only trust reliable sources



Verify against multiple sources